

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO. 3325-01
BILL NO. HB 1282
SUBJECT: Death records of incarcerated offenders.
TYPE: Original
DATE: May 11, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** and the **Office of Administration** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** assume autopsies performed as per §217.412.1., RSMo, on incarcerated offenders who die are currently made available to inmate families upon appropriate release and to the Joint Committee on Corrections pursuant to §21.460., RSMo. Autopsy records are given to prosecutors and defense counsel in criminal cases and are otherwise available with appropriate court orders.

- DOC assumes no fiscal impact for autopsy requests by the general assembly if this proposal is passed into law.
- An unknown potential cost of less than \$100,000 annually is estimated for posting, monitoring, and updating such records on the DOC Internet web site. Autopsies contain a great deal of private inmate medical information (please refer to §217.075.1(1) and 610.021(5) for general public policy regarding inmate medical information.)

In summary, the fiscal impact as it relates to the DOC is unknown, but not estimated to exceed \$100,000 annually.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)
<u>Cost</u> - Department of Corrections			
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	0	0	0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on small businesses would be expected due to this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

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The proposed legislation requires the Department of Corrections to provide copies of autopsy reports for inmates who died from suicidal, violent, or suspicious circumstances to any member of the general assembly upon the member's request. The proposal also requires the department to post copies of autopsy reports on its web site.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program, and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Corrections
Office of Administration

NOT RESPONDING: Office of Attorney General

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Director
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